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It is my judgment that the whole Microsoft fiasco has gone on for far too long. While the proposed settlement may not be satisfactory to everyone, it has one distinct advantage. It will put an end to this ill advised litigation which I believe has played a large role in the downtrend in our markets, and especially in the technology sector. What is it about hard fought competition that seems to grate on certain members of the community?

While Microsoft may be far from perfect, as I know from experience with all of the various iterations of Windows, it has opened the world of computing to the world, and always at what I would consider to be a reasonable price. It's time to get this behind us and let the world of business and industry get back on track.

Please end this litigation and accept the proposed settlement. Anything less will be an invitation to a further deterioration of our economy, and more possible damage to Microsoft, one of the bulwarks of our technological superiority in the world.

I write this as a retired lawyer and business executive who has never been involved with Microsoft except as a customer and stock holder. But then, I own more stock in Sun Microsystems, so I am not prejudiced in either direction, except to say that as a result of this ill advised adventure, I'm on the losing end of both stocks.

Sincerely yours,

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